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Re: Request for Certificate of Correction

Consideration has been given your request for the issuance of a certificate of correction for the above-identified patent under the provisions of Rule 1.322.

Respecting the alleged error(s) in Item (54), after review of the application by Supervisory Patent Examiner Housel, it is revealed that he denied your request, citing, "At page 1, before "and provisional application No. 60/225767", there is not "and". Therefore, this amendment can not be entered". Therefore, being no fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, no correction(s) is/are in order here under United States Codes (U.S.C.) 254 or 255 and the Code of Federal Regulation (C.F.R.) 1.322 or 1.323).

In view of the foregoing, your request in this matter is hereby denied.

A certificate will issue for the remaining error(s) in your request.

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